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Attorney Docket No. 82673-0006

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Erich HARSCH <i>et al.</i>	)	Art Unit: 3652
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Application No. 09/771,637	)	Examiner: D. Underwood
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Filed: January 30, 2001	)	
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For: HORIZONTAL TRANSPORTING	)	
SYSTEM	)	

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

## AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Final Rejection dated May 13, 2003, and the Notice of Appeal dated August 12, 2003, the period for reply being extended four months by the Petition for Four Month Extension appended hereto (included in the RCE transmittal), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 7 of this paper.